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Substitute Senate Bill No. 293

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The Committee on Public Health reported through SEN. GERRATANA of the 6th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING RECOMMENDATIONS AND MEMBERSHIP OF THE SCHOOL NURSE ADVISORY COUNCIL.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 10-212f of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2016*):

4 (a) The Commissioner of Education shall establish a School Nurse
5 Advisory Council consisting of the following members:

6 (1) One representative from each state-wide bargaining
7 representative organization that represents school nurses;

8 (2) One representative of the Association of School Nurses of
9 Connecticut; [who is employed in a private or parochial school;]

10 (3) One representative of the Connecticut Nurses Association;

11 (4) One representative of the Connecticut Association of Public

12 School Superintendents;

13 (5) One representative of the Connecticut Federation of School
14 Administrators;

15 (6) One representative of the Connecticut Association of Boards of
16 Education;

17 (7) Two school district medical advisors, one of whom is a member
18 of the American Academy of Pediatrics;

19 (8) One representative of the Connecticut Association for Healthcare
20 at Home who is a school nurse; [and]

21 (9) One representative of the Connecticut Association of Schools;
22 and

23 [(9)] (10) The Commissioners of Education and Public Health, or the
24 commissioners' designees who shall be ex-officio, nonvoting members
25 and shall attend meetings of the advisory council.

26 Sec. 2. Section 10-212 of the general statutes is repealed and the
27 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2016*):

28 (a) Each local or regional board of education shall appoint one or
29 more school nurses or nurse practitioners. Such school nurses and
30 nurse practitioners appointed by such boards shall [be qualified
31 pursuant to regulations] meet the educational requirements and other
32 qualifications specified in regulations adopted in accordance with the
33 provisions of chapter 54 by the State Board of Education in
34 consultation with the Department of Public Health. Such school nurses
35 may also act as visiting nurses in the town, may visit the homes of
36 pupils in the public schools and shall assist in executing the orders of
37 the school medical advisor, if there is any in such town, and perform
38 such other duties as are required by such board. In addition to meeting
39 such educational requirements and other qualifications, each school
40 nurse or nurse practitioner shall complete the school nurse orientation
41 program offered by the Department of Education, the Association of

42 School Nurses of Connecticut and any regional education service
 43 center established pursuant to section 10-66a not later than one year
 44 after his or her date of hire, provided such school nurse or nurse
 45 practitioner has not previously completed the school nurse orientation
 46 program.

47 (b) Each local or regional board of education shall annually
 48 complete the Department of Education's health services program
 49 information survey.

50 ~~[(b)]~~ (c) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes or
 51 any regulation of Connecticut state agencies, nothing in this section
 52 shall be construed to prohibit the administering of medications by
 53 parents or guardians to their own children on school grounds.

54 ~~[(c)]~~ (d) School nurses and nurse practitioners appointed by or
 55 under contract with any local or regional board of education and any
 56 nurse provided to a nonpublic school under the provisions of section
 57 10-217a shall submit to a criminal history records check in accordance
 58 with the provisions of section 29-17a.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2016	10-212f(a)
Sec. 2	October 1, 2016	10-212

PH *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 17 \$	FY 18 \$
Connecticut Technical High School System	GF - Cost	Potential Minimal	Potential Minimal

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact:

Municipalities	Effect	FY 17 \$	FY 18 \$
Various Local and Regional School Districts	STATE MANDATE - Cost	Potential Minimal	Potential Minimal

Explanation

The bill requires each school nurse or nurse practitioner to complete the school nurse orientation program offered by (1) the State Department of Education (SDE), (2) the Association of School Nurses of Connecticut, and (3) any regional education service center within one year of being hired, unless he or she previously completed the program. This could result in a cost to local and regional school districts or the Connecticut Technical High School System, which would be required to cover the cost of the class, which is estimated to be \$160 per nurse. The impact to various local and regional school districts is anticipated to be minimal, as 90 nurses statewide took the training course in FY 15. The bill makes other procedural changes that are not anticipated to result in a fiscal impact.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to the cost of the class and the number of nurses attending.

OLR Bill Analysis**sSB 293*****AN ACT CONCERNING RECOMMENDATIONS AND MEMBERSHIP
OF THE SCHOOL NURSE ADVISORY COUNCIL.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill adds a representative of the Connecticut Association of Schools to the membership of the School Nurse Advisory Council. It also removes the requirement that the member representing the Association of School Nurses of Connecticut be employed in a private or parochial school.

Additionally, the bill requires each school nurse or nurse practitioner to complete the school nurse orientation program offered by (1) the State Department of Education (SDE), (2) the Association of School Nurses of Connecticut, and (3) any regional education service center within one year of being hired, unless he or she previously completed the program.

Finally, the bill requires school boards to annually complete SDE's health services program information survey.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2016

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 27 Nay 0 (03/16/2016)